furnish the requisite information. Representations regarding inclusion of Dhobi community in whole of Madhya Pradesh have also been received. Such proposals for modification in the list of Scheduled Castes are considered as per approved modalities. However, no time frame for final decision in the matter can be assigned, as modification in the list of Scheduled Castes requires consultation with several agencies.

Survey on substance abuse among women

562. SHRILAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Survey "Substance abuse among women" was conducted by his Ministry and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme recently;

(b) if so, the findings of the Report;

(c) the number of recommendations accepted and implemented by Government alongwith details thereof; and

(d) the number of recommendations not accepted and implemented by Government alongwith the reasons therefor, recommendation-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The major factors/aspects relating to substance abuse amongst women as enumerated in the study report are *inter-alia low* education, lack of vocational training, early age of work, early age of marriage, low self-esteem, low household cohesion, history of substance use in the household, lack of access to social support networks, lack of awareness about the addiction, lack of treatment centres, family and work related stress, etc.

(c) and (d) The Government has agreed in principle to the recommendations of the Report which has been received recently and is, therefore, in the process of incorporating appropriate modifications in its strategy and interventions for prevention of substance abuse and alcoholism among women.